

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0008] and [0016] with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

[0008] Figure 2A is a detail side view of a saw blade tooth;

[0016] The cutting edges 32,32' of the inserts 22,22' preferably have a back angle "y" of between 5° and 15° and preferably 10°, as illustrated in Figures 2A and 2B. The back angle of the inserts 22,22' leads into a curved upper (or peripheral) surface 44 of the teeth 16. The curved upper surface 44 terminates into the hip 26 which provides a rounded surface transitioning into the arc 24 of the gullet. According to a preferred embodiment, the hip 26 is spaced a distance d from a tangent line of adjacent cutting edge tips 32,32' of approximately 0.5 mm.

Please add the following paragraph:

[0008.1] Figure 2B is a detail side view of an alternate saw blade tooth;